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**Reminder of Petition for Reconsideration
by Public Citizen and the Center for Auto Safety
Regarding 49 CFR Parts 573 and 577:
Reimbursement Prior to Recall, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

Dear Dr. Runge,

Public Citizen is writing to inquire as to when the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration expects to issue a response to our petition for reconsideration, submitted November 27, 2002, to the "Reimbursement Prior to Recall Final Rule" which was issued October 17, 2002.

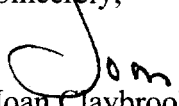
Pursuant to 49 CFR 553.39:

It is the policy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to issue notice of the action taken on a petition for reconsideration within 90 days after the closing date for receipt of such petitions, unless it is found impracticable to take action within that time. In cases where it is so found and the delay beyond that period is expected to be substantial, notice of that fact, and the date by which it is expected that action will be taken, will be published in the Federal Register.

Ninety days following the closing date for the receipt of petitions for reconsideration was March 1, 2003.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,


Joan Claybrook
President, Public Citizen

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